

CLEAN VERSION OF ALL AMENDED CLAIMS

A marked up version of the amended claims can be found on pp. 11-14 of this Reply.

Claims 1, 2, 5-6, 8-9, 11, 18, 38 and 39 have been amended to recite the following:

1. (Twice Amended) A surface cover comprising:

two or more leaves having a length and a width arranged to form a stack of said leaves, the stack of said leaves comprising:

(a) at least a first leaf with a first thickness, the first leaf forming an outer surface and comprising:

(i) an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface;

(ii) a lower surface opposing the upper non-adhesive surface; and

(iii) a leaf adhesive material applied to substantial portions of the lower surface whereby the lower surface removably adheres to the upper non-adhesive surface of a successive, adjacent leaf such that after the first leaf is removed from the stack, the upper non-adhesive surface of the adjacent leaf is exposed to become a new outer surface of the stack; and

(b) a base leaf underlying the first leaf and having a second thickness greater than the first thickness, the base leaf comprising an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface and an opposing lower surface adapted to mount the stack onto a surface to be covered, the opposing second surface comprising a mounting adhesive applied thereon, the mounting adhesive being of sufficient strength to prevent lifting of the stack during removal of individual leaves.

2. (Amended) The surface covering of claim 1 comprising at least one intermediate leaf disposed between said first leaf and said last leaf, the intermediate leaf having an upper non-adhesive surface and a lower adhesive surface.

5. (Amended) The surface covering of claim 1 wherein said upper surface of said leaves is textured.

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6. (Amended) The surface covering of claim 1 wherein said leaf adhesive on the lower surface of the leaves has an adhesive strength sufficient to allow a first leaf to be adhered to and peelably removable from the adjacent leaf.

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8. (Twice Amended) The surface covering of claim 1 wherein the upper surface of said leaves comprises an active agent chosen from the group consisting of anti-bacterial agents, disinfectants, insect repellants, fragrances, fluid resistant agents and anti-mildew agents.

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9. (Twice Amended) The surface covering of claim 1 further comprising a protecting sheet disposed on the lower surface of the base leaf.

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11. (Amended) The surface covering of claim 10 wherein said peeling means comprises at least one non-adhesive section disposed on the lower surface of said leaves covering no more than 30% of the entire surface area of the lower surface of said leaves, said at least one non-adhesive section being accessible by a user to peel said leaves from said stack.

18. (Twice Amended) A multi-layer surface covering comprising:
a plurality of leaves arranged to form a stack of said leaves, the stack of said leaves comprising:

(a) at least a first leaf with a first thickness, the first leaf forming an outer surface and comprising:
(i) an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface;
(ii) a lower surface opposing the upper non-adhesive surface; and
(iii) a leaf adhesive material applied to a substantial portion of the lower surface whereby the lower surface removably adheres to the upper non-adhesive surface of an adjacent leaf such that after the first leaf is removed from the stack, the adjacent leaf becomes a new first leaf; and

(b) a base leaf underlying the at least first leaf and having a second

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thickness greater than the first thickness, the base leaf comprising an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface and an opposing lower adhesive surface adapted to mount the stack onto a surface to be covered, the opposing lower surface comprising a mounting adhesive layer applied thereon, the mounting adhesive layer having greater adhesive strength than the adhesive strength of the leaf adhesive.

38. (Twice Amended) A surface cover comprising:

two or more leaves arranged to form a stack of said leaves, the stack of said leaves comprising:

(a) at least a first leaf with a first thickness, the first leaf forming an outer surface and comprising:

(i) an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface;
(ii) a lower surface opposing the upper non-adhesive surface; and
(iii) a leaf adhesive material applied to substantial portions of the lower surface whereby the lower surface removably adheres to the upper non-adhesive surface of an adjacent leaf such that after the first leaf is removed from the stack, the adjacent leaf becomes a new first leaf; and

(b) a base leaf underlying the at least first leaf and having a second thickness greater than the first thickness, the base leaf comprising an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface and an opposing lower non-adhesive surface.

39. (Amended) The surface covering of claim 38 comprising at least one intermediate leaf disposed between said first leaf and said last leaf, the intermediate leaf having an upper non-adhesive surface and a lower adhesive surface.